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Reports

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Understanding China's Belt and Road Initiative: Opportunities and Risks. Center for American Progress. Ariella Viehe et al. September 22, 2015.

The authors say the United States should continue to watch the development of China's Belt and Road initiative in order to make a nuanced assessment on how China's role as a global economic leader will affect U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

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<https://cdn.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/22064156/SilkRoad-brief.pdf> [PDF format, 6 pages, 227.8 KB].

Item#2

China's Evolving Role in Latin America: Can it Be a Win-Win? The Atlantic Council. Enrique Dussel Peters. September 16, 2015.

The report unravels the complexities of the Latin America-China relationship. It provides five recommendations to help both China and Latin America usher in a mutually beneficial post-commodity-boom relationship. The key to long-term success will be to insure that the relationship promotes, rather than delays, economic growth and social progress in the hemisphere.

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http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/images/publications/AC_CHINA_0916_web.pdf [PDF format, 34 pages, 4.98 MB].

Item#3

China's New International Financing Institutions. Center for American Progress. Molly Elgin-Cossart and Melanie Hart. September 22, 2015.

In recent years, China has moved into development finance in a very big way. China is now playing a leading role not only among emerging nations, but among major developed economies as well. With U.S. engagement, new banks such as Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank could spur a race to the top in sustainable development financing.

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<https://cdn.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/21140703/RaceToTheTop-brief.pdf> [PDF format, 12 pages, 117.35 KB].

Item#4

Seeking Safety Abroad: The Hidden Story in China's FDI Statistics. YaleGlobal. Farok J. Contractor. September 10, 2015.

Despite a recent slowdown, China's economy is still growing. Its citizens are much wealthier than they were just a few decades ago and like investors around the world, they seek secure places to store assets. "However, the fact is that enormous amounts of liquid money held by Chinese individuals and companies have, for many years, been anxiously trying to leave China and leave the renminbi as an asset and instead park in non-Chinese assets," explains Farok Contractor. The tendency devalued China's renminbi in foreign-exchange markets in August. Contractor examines an array of data to suggest that Chinese firms may be creating subsidiaries to ease transfers: Chinese multinational parents average 36 foreign subsidiaries or affiliates whereas multinational parent firms elsewhere average five; as much as 70 percent of Chinese outbound foreign direct investment capital flows to the Caribbean and Hong Kong. Chinese Investors may overreact on each financial news report, and Contractor anticipates volatility and a herd mentality.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/seeking-safety-abroad-hidden-story-china%E2%80%99s-fdi-statistics>
[HTML format, various paging].

Item#5

Border Chaos: Europe Reacts to Syrian Refugee Crisis. YaleGlobal. Chris Miller. September 15, 2015.

Thousands of families flee Syria, a nation devastated since 2011 civil war, a dictator's crackdown with chemical weapons and infiltration by brutal extremists. Millions more people wait in barren refugee camps, lacking work and schools, near Syria's borders. In just a week, more than 100,000 people fled to Europe, resisted by poor, conservative nations like Hungary and welcomed by others like Germany. Europe is crafting a refugee policy on the fly. The crisis is more political than economic, notes Chris Miller. Miller argues that European nations with low fertility rates and labor shortages may benefit from increased migration. Coherent long-term policies are needed with no end in sight for conflict, unrest and fast-growing populations throughout the Middle East and Africa.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/border-chaos-europe-reacts-syrian-refugee-crisis> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#6

Lessons from Russia and the Future of Sanctions. Center for a New American Security. Peter Harrell. September 16, 2015.

Peter Harrell, an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) Energy, Economics, and Security Program, examines what led U.S. policymakers to develop new sanctions tools for Russia and assesses their effectiveness now and for the future.

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<http://www.cnas.org/sites/default/files/publications-pdf/CNAS%20Report%20Economic%20Statecraft%20%232%20FINAL.pdf> [PDF format, 16 pages, 773.65 KB].

Item#7

Russian Ideology After Crimea. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Andrei Kolesnikov. September 22, 2015.

Following the annexation of Crimea in March 2014, the Russian public has embraced an increasingly conservative and nationalistic ideology. According to the author, any repudiation of this ideology, let alone the transformation of the country as a whole, will only happen if demand for change from the bottom coincides with a desire for modernization from the top.

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<http://carnegie.ru/2015/09/22/russian-ideology-after-crimea/ihzq> Summary in English [HTML format, various paging].

<http://carnegie.ru/2015/06/30/ru-60606/id19> Summary in Russian [HTML format, various paging].

http://carnegieendowment.org/files/CP_Kolesnikov_Ideology2015_web_Eng.pdf Full Text in English [PDF format, 38 pages, 584.30 KB].

http://carnegieendowment.org/files/CP_Kolesnikov_June2015_web_Rus.pdf Full Text in Russian [PDF format, 46 pages, 2.33 MB].

Item#8

Myanmar's Peace Process: A Nationwide Ceasefire Remains Elusive. International Crisis Group. September 16, 2015.

A ceasefire between Myanmar's government and armed groups is tantalizing close. It would end 60 years of armed conflict and ease the path of democratic transition. But time is short before historic elections on 8 November, and any failure to seal an accord could trigger renewed clashes that would be hard to bring back under control, according to the report.

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<http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/asia/south-east-asia/burma-myanmar/b146-myanmar-s-peace-process-a-nationwide-ceasefire-remains-elusive.pdf> [PDF format, 24 pages, 3.08 MB].

Item#9

The Modi Bounce. Pew Research Center. Bruce Stokes. September 17, 2015.

What a difference a couple of years can make. With a rising economic tide, a new captain at the helm and a buoyant public mood, the Indian ship of state has the wind at its back. In late 2013, Indians were mired in dissatisfaction with the way things were going in their country. They were only moderately satisfied with economic conditions. And barely half had a favorable view of then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, a member of the long-ruling Indian National Congress party (INC).

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<http://www.pewglobal.org/files/2015/09/Pew-Research-Center-India-Report-FINAL-September-17-20151.pdf> [PDF format, 34 pages, 775.43 KB].

Item#10

U.S. Immigrant Pop. Hit Record 42.4 Million in 2014. Center for Immigration Studies. Karen Zeigler and Steven A. Camarotta. September 2015.

The Census Bureau released some data from the 2014 American Community Survey (ACS). It shows that the nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) grew by 2.4 million people since 2010 and is up one million from 2013 to 2014. population as completely as the ACS. The growth in the immigrant population has rebounded after increasing more slowly from 2010 to 2013 following the Great Recession.

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<http://cis.org/us-immigrant-pop-hit-record-42-million-2014> [HTML format, various paging].

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